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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Lieberose Training Area

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REMARKS

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1. Between 22 April and 20 May 1951, Camp Lieberose (N 52/A 49) was about 75 percent occupied. The following observations were made in various camp sections:

Parking Lot 2. The lot was enlarged to extend from the Janlitz-Steakow road as far as Schwaansee. It was occupied by the unit of Colonel Maksimov (fnu) from the Reiter Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde, which had about 20 JS tanks, 20 T-34/85 tanks, 20 x 57-mm AT guns, and 60 trucks

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Parking Lot 13. Occupied by 5 units with a total of about 200 tanks and SP guns.

Parking Lot 23. Occupied by 2 rail-type rocket launchers, 30 AT and AA guns of 57-mm, and 60 trucks on blocks.

Camp 24. Occupied by about 60 officers and 600 EM of a tank unit commanded by Major Dobrovski (fnu), a motorcycle unit commanded by Captain Bacherok (fnu), and a signal unit, whose commander could not be identified.

Parking Lot 26. Occupied by tanks and motor vehicles of the units in Camp 24 and containing the radio station of the signal unit.

Area between Parking Lot 23 and Camp 24. New low wooden barracks buildings were being constructed there.

Area south of Ration Supply Shed 5. A new earth bunker, about 30 x 20 meters, was located there and it contained fuel drums.

2. During one or two weeks prior to 20 May, ammunition arrived from Fuerstenwalde at an average rate of four boxcarloads per day. No such quantities of ammunition had been observed during preceding years. The troops were engaged in training at platoon level. There were no large-scale field exercises. Tanks moved singly to the training area. A ban on alcoholic beverages, including beer, has been imposed on the troops since the end of April.
3. It was said that only a tank school of about 200 men under the command of Major Strakhov (fnu) had remained in the Pionier Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde. *

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* [] Comment. The numerical camp sections mentioned in the report are entered on a sketch attached to a report of November 1950. []

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25X1A [] report confirms the presence of the 7th Gds Mecz Div at the Lieberose troop training grounds. Colonel Maksimov (fnu) was last identified []

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25X1 [] as the commanding officer of a unit in the Reiter Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde, in mid-January 1951. Major Dobrovski (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer of a unit with sidecar motorcycles in the Pionier Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde. []

25X1A [] Captain Bacherok, (fnu), was identified as belonging to the Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div at the end of

25X1A January 1951. [] Major Dobrovski and Captain Bacherok are probably now the commanding officers of the two units mentioned in the present report. It can therefore be inferred that the home station of the

25X1 5th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div is Fuerstenwalde. Major Strakhov (fnu) was identified [] as commanding officer of a unit in

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the Pionier Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde, in mid-December 1950. []

The present report indicates that he is in command of the division's tank training battalion in Fuerstenwalde. [] reporting from

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military posts and troop training grounds in the Soviet Zone of Germany stated that a ban on alcoholic beverages has been imposed on Soviet troops since the end of April 1951. []

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